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Dear Dr. Rostow:

STAT We are honored and grateful that you have accepted [redacted] invitation to talk to our Seminar on Intelligence and National Security Policy during the Kennedy-Johnson Era which will meet on Thursday, 25 April 1985 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. This will be the last of four sessions on the subject and will be attended by about a dozen Senior Intelligence Service Officers, mainly from the production components of the Agency. [redacted] the former Deputy Director for Intelligence, will chair the Seminar. STAT

Previous sessions will have touched on the National Security Council system and how it operated, military estimates, the Arab-Israeli War, and the capture of the Pueblo. (The unclassified Seminar reading list is enclosed.) You will be the concluding speaker and we would hope your comments would include your impression of how well (or poorly) the Intelligence Community served the policymakers during the administrations of Presidents Kennedy and Johnson. We are particularly interested in your comments on the Berlin Crisis of 1961, but would welcome your candid observations on any of the international problems that arose during the period. We trust you will also provide the present and future leaders of CIA with any words of wisdom you may wish to impart. The meeting will conclude with a discussion period of up to one hour.

To allow enough time, you should plan to be at the CIA Headquarters Building in Langley, Virginia by 4:30. We can send a car to pick you up if you wish. If you drive, please ask the guard at the entrance to the Agency on Route 123 to direct you to the VIP parking lot near the main entrance to the building. After entering the building, you should go to the Reception Area where a member of our staff will meet you and take you to the Seminar Room.

Our staff is prepared to assist you in making plane and hotel reservations if you desire. The Agency will, of course, reimburse you for travel expenses associated with your visit to Washington. We will also give you an honorarium of \$175.00, the maximum that we are allowed to pay. One of our secretaries will be in touch with Ms. Nivens at your office to make final arrangements.

If you or Ms. Nivens have any questions, please feel free to call [redacted] Thank you again for participating.

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Sincerely,

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Director
of
Training and Education

Enclosure

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